



### I/DD National Wait List Data

- In FY 2009, an estimated 122,870 people not receiving residential services were on waiting lists. (Data source: Amy Hewitt)
- Other estimates range from 114,916 people waiting for residential service nationally (Data source: Lakin) to 240,000 (Data source: Kaiser)
- From 2005-2009 the waiting list for residential services increased over 44,000 from 73,811 to 118,122. (Data source: RISP 2009)
- Chas Moseley, Associate Executive Director, NASDDDS, has heard that some states are “slowing” their eligibility determination processes, essentially lengthening the period of time that it takes for a person to get on the wait list.



# FINDS Survey

- The Arc conducted a national online survey in 2010. The survey of Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports (FINDS) engaged more than 5,000 parents, siblings and other caregivers or support providers of people with I/DD. It asked how people with I/DD are faring in school, the workplace and throughout their lives.
- General Findings: Necessary supports and services are hard to find and the situation is getting worse.
- **Waiting for Service Findings: “For many, no government funded services are available and people with I/DD and their families languish on waiting lists for years.”**



# FINDS Survey

- One-third (32%) of parents/caregivers report that they are on waiting lists for government funded services, with an average wait of more than five years.
- They are waiting for personal assistance, respite, housing, therapy, employment supports, transportation and more.
- A conservative estimate is that there are more than 1 million people with I/DD waiting for services that may never come.